

The FCC has voted unanimously to review laws that prohibit the same company from owning both a newspaper and a TV station in the same geographic area.

Eliminating this rule will pave the way for the subsuming of the newspaper business into the television industry, which will have a detrimental effect on the quality of print journalism. U.S. media would become even less diverse, more commercial and less accountable to the public.

The FCC has a responsibility to act in the public interest. Lifting the cross-ownership ban to allow further media consolidation does not serve the public interest.

As a concerned citizen, I hope your review will be thorough and reasoned; and as a media consumer, I hope your conclusion will be to reaffirm the cross-ownership ban.